

'The Instruction Sheet'

IPMS / Granite State Modelers Club

Nashua, New Hampshire

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GSMC/IPMS meets the third Monday night (4th Monday in Jan & Feb) of each month from 7 to 9 PM at the Nashua Public Library, 2 Court Street Nashua, New Hampshire. Visitors are welcome to attend. Monthly show and tell pictures are posted on our website. Website maintained by Brandon Clifton.

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Meeting Reminders:

July 18, August 15, September 19

Weekend Build Sessions via Zoom:

Saturdays 1-4pm; Sundays 6-9pm

GSM voted in favor of having a 50/50 raffle for GraniteCon.

GSM voted in favor of having the merchandise company "Stitches" make the Club's clothing.

GSM voted in favor of not having an official club presence at IPMS Patriots PatCon, which will no longer be having a traditional model show/ contest after 2022. They will be hosting a model exposition. GSM can go as individuals, but the club will not be setting up a table.

Friendly reminder that the deadline for anyone participating in the Yankee Swap Group Build is due in September.

GSM is still planning to make a club trip to Old Rhinebeck aerodrome in September or October. The cost to charter a bus or van would heavily impact the club's meager funds, so it will be by carpool.

Bandai “God Phoenix” model construction

By John Cook

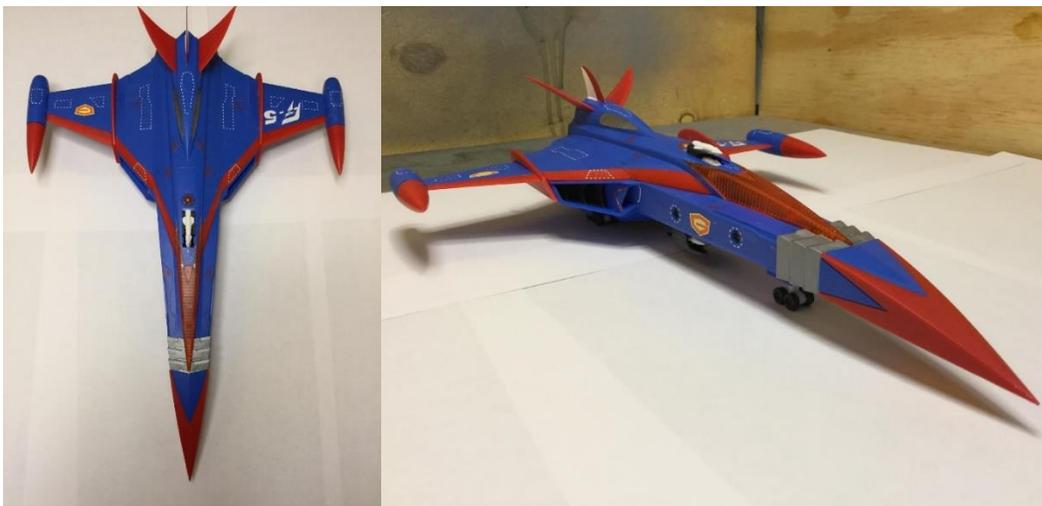
Way back in the late 1970s a popular kids cartoon was “Battle of the Planets”, an adaptation of the Japanese Anime “Science Ninja Team Gatchaman”. It was very popular. It featured five young people with super agility and enhanced senses saving the world from alien invaders from planet “Spectra”. Each had their own vehicle and when unified as a team they all fit neatly together into the main ship, The Phoenix.



This is Bandai's God Phoenix model. A good kit, it falls together, mostly as a snap fit kit but a bit of glue on my part makes it stronger. There are a few variants on how to build it and I chose the one with all weapons out and gear down as the best display version. The “special ability” of the Phoenix is to form a phoenix bird halo of fire around itself and burn through the enemy with it and these parts are included in the kit as extras as well as a nice display stand which seems to have been able to hold batteries and power for a light up special FX. My kit was missing the lighting so I just left off phoenix halo and stand.

The kit comes molded in color so painting is not needed but it does come with two options for markings. A collection of stickers or a much more detailed collection of decals. The decals are what I used and they are good quality. Many of them are quite small, only about 2mm x 4mm and took a lot of care to place. These are mostly “Danger” or “Blast Warning” markers, but since they are so small I had to carefully float each one off its paper, catch it gently with a wide flat brush, and fix it with some Future Floor Finish.

Final finishing was simple. A 50/50 mix of gloss and dull coat lacquer diluted by half with lacquer thinner sealed the decals well and also covered over all of the tiny “cut” marks from the sprues. Overall, I enjoyed this kit and am happy with the outcome.



Rod's Ramblings

Gee, it's hard to believe July is here. That means that it is time to get those GraniteCon trophy packs sold! We have our contract for the hall, and if attendance at the Maine and Peabody shows tells the tale for this fall, then we will be busy on October 16th. Trophy packs are still \$25 each (even though prices have gone up). I can keep the club "in budget" by using 5x7 blanks for our place awards and cutting the "specials" down a size. For example use a 10x12 blank instead of a 12x14 one. The "Best of Show" NH cutout has gone up \$10, but I believe we need to roll with that one. We never make money on trophy packs. Breaking even has always been our goal. As before, it would be great to have the packs sold by September. One less headache to worry about. John has already sold a bunch of vendor tables.



I got involved in a large home project last month. As many of you know, the wife and I had solar panels installed last year, and we are coming really close to the magic "net zero" mark. Since our hot water comes from our oil-fired boiler, we have been thinking of installing a hybrid water heater so we can shut our furnace off during summers. For those of you who don't know, "on demand" hot water requires that the furnace runs to keep the boiler up to temperature. Even though the cost of electricity is also rising, we decided to bite the bullet and give it a whirl. So what does this have to do with modeling, you ask? In order to make room for the water heater in a place that made sense (near the water lines) I had to move my 7 x 2.5 foot glass display case. That meant taking out all of the models and glass shelving before it could be safely placed on some pieces of pipe and moved about six feet. I still ended up breaking a shelf. Luckily I had a couple of spares stashed away "just in case."

Have you ever taken out some of your "older builds" and looked at them with a more mature, skilled, and critical eye? Well, I got the chance. Some of my built models are 25, 30, and 40 years old. And a lot of them SUCK! Really suck. Gobs of filler that resemble a mason building a brick wall. No attempt at blending it in well, or fixing a panel line. A B-17 with no dihedral. Mold growing on some canopy frames. I blame a certain flat clear product for that. Maybe a reaction to my mineral filled water used to thin it? Seams on the tires. "Glass" that doesn't come

near to filling the space it is supposed to fill. Yup, Russ, that famous Monogram B-17 again. You know what I mean! So does anyone that has ever built one.

Anyway, I found a lot of models to let the grand children play with. On the bright side it will give me more space to put newer and better builds on display. Beyond that, the display case can now be seen! It used to be tucked under the cellar stairs, behind the furnace. Now you can't miss it! Of course, the wife has been away while I have done all of this..... Hopefully she likes the arrangement. I really don't want to move it again.

~ Rodney Currier

Upcoming Events of Modeling Interest

August 14	GSM Club Picnic	Bob Ferri's Home
September 18	PatCon	Hudson, MA
October 2	Classic Plastic	Lawrence, MA
October 2	BayCon	Smithfield, RI
October 7-8	ArmorCon (AMPS)	Southbury, CT
October 16	GraniteCon	Manchester, NH
October 22	HVHMG 2022	Poughkeepsie, NY

Fourth of July Build Day

Fun was had by all who attended the outdoor build day hosted by Bob Ferri. The weather was unusually delightful – sunny and warm without any of that dreaded New England humidity that is so common this time of the year. Bob mixed the general routine by adding a few demonstrations throughout the afternoon by various members of GSM.

It may come to a surprise to some, but our hobby can certainly build up one's appetite. The main course was served by Bob with his "world famous" smoked meats. Everyone else pitched in by bringing a side dish or desert. To say that everyone left Bob's house feeling hungry would be the gravest of insults.

With all our bellies full, we stayed on task with our individual builds. Believe it or not no one brought an aircraft to work on. Everyone would certainly have hedged their bets with Bob working on one of his many Phantoms, but no dice this time around. He had a 1/35 Tiger I from Academy. The Cooks were quite predictable with something Sci-Fi. Tom Shanahan pulled out the classic Italeri reboxing of Perrless Max's Chevy Cwt truck. Whatever the subject, it can be said that there was some progress on everyone's model by days end.

I am always interested in the many and varied ways a modeler carries all his or her tools around. Some pack every conceivable item with the Boy Scout motto *Be Prepared* in mind. Others are neat and tidy with their fishing tackle boxes. I myself take the path of least resistance, and this means packing light. Most of my hand tools fit nicely in iPhone packaging tin. Various grits of sandpaper in a Ziploc bag. And all of this fits in the model box (most of the time).

Bob is considering hosting another get together before the fall weather returns, so hopefully if anyone wasn't able to attend, they will have another opportunity for styrene community, GSM style.

~ Russell Gosselin



June Raffle Winners



June Show & Tell



Pete Davis built these Bandai figures from Star Wars: Boba Fett and Imperial Death Trooper.



Paul Lessard built this Cox/ Athearn A3A Diesel. He added handrails, bell bracket, and mesh wire.



John Walker built many and varied 1/72 Me 109s. Manufacturers include Academy, Heller, and Hasegawa.



Bob Ferri built this 1/5 Eagle Moss 211 Nissan GTR engine subscription kit.



Rich Filteau built this 1/48 F/A 18B Blue Angel from Testors.



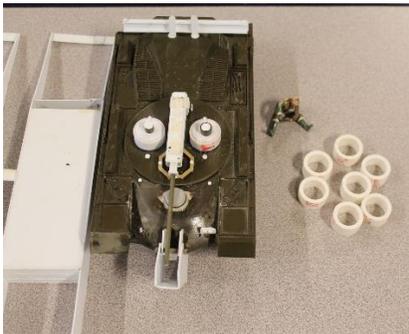
Chuck Converse built this 1/81 Curtiss Condor.



Frank Moore built this 1/72 HE 219 from Lindberg.



Frank Moore built this 1/72 F4U-5 Corsair from Revell.



Frank Moore is converting his 1/32 Patton tank into a M48 AVLB bridge layer.



Paul Lessard built this 1/87 brick warehouse from Ertle, adding a new roof, stairs, and windows.



Frank Moore built this Fw TA 183.



Mac Johnston is working on a 1/35 Italian 305/17 obice from Vargas Models.



Hobby Shop Directory

These are the hobby shops that support us and our efforts year after year. Most give our club members discounts, They support our club contests, and stock the supplies and new kits we crave.

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The Spare Time Shop (508-481-5789) 222 E. Main St Marlboro, MA 01752
North East Trains Model Center (978-532-1615) 18 Main Street Peabody, MA 01960
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